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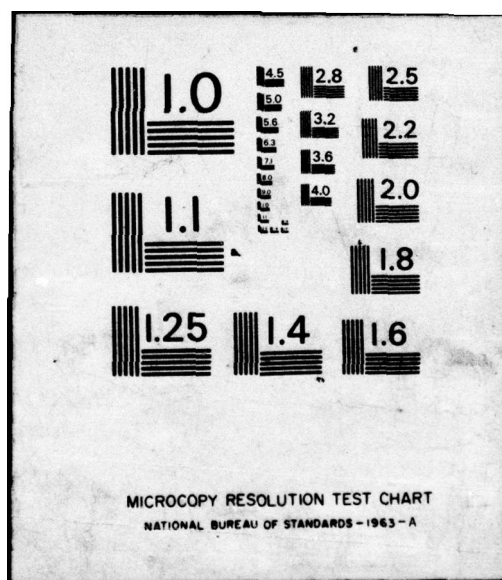
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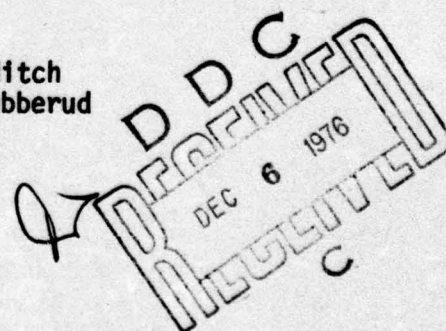
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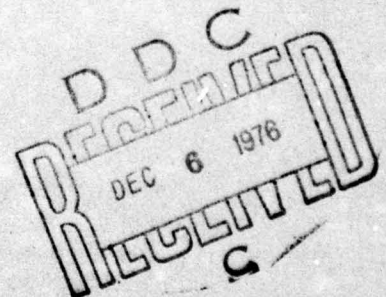
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ABSTRACT

Research conducted under AFOSR Grant 71-2116, Control Systems Theory, during the five-year term of the grant, 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1976, is comprehensively reviewed. The work is classified into the two major categories of estimation theory and control theory. Within the former, results are reported in the areas of polynomial filtering, adaptive filtering, data smoothing, applied estimation theory, observer theory, and data compression and random sampling. In the latter, the focus is on multivariable control system design, and the research presented is in the areas of computer-aided design, design theory, controls-configured systems, and multivariable servomechanisms. A chronological listing of 45 publications and 9 Ph.D. theses that resulted from the research supported by the grant is included.

I. INTRODUCTION

This document is the final scientific report for AFOSR Grant 71-2116, Control Systems Theory. The term of the grant was the five-year period 1 July 1971 to 30 June 1976. The Principal Investigators were Professors J. S. Meditch and A. R. Stubberud of the School of Engineering, University of California, Irvine.

The research conducted under the grant falls into two major categories: Estimation Theory and Control Theory. Within the former, work was carried out in the areas of polynomial filtering, adaptive filtering, data smoothing, applied estimation theory, observer theory, and data compression and random sampling. The results of this work are described in Section II.

In the category of Control Theory, research was pursued in computer-aided design, design theory, controls-configured systems, and multi-variable servomechanisms. This work is reported upon in Section III.

A chronological bibliography of all publications, AFOSR scientific reports and significant papers, including those planned for publication, is given in Section IV. It is noted that research under AFOSR Grant 71-2116 has led to 45 such publications.

In addition to the work of the Principal Investigators, the grant supported in part or in full the doctoral research of 9 graduate students. All of this research was supervised and contributed to by the Principal Investigators. A chronological listing of the Ph.D. research so conducted is presented in Section V.

II. ESTIMATION THEORY

The six areas in which research studies were pursued in the category of estimation theory are described below. The name of the

Principal Investigator who was in charge of each area is as indicated.

1. Polynomial Filtering (Professor A. R. Stubberud)

Research in polynomial filtering was conducted in two areas:

- a. Synthesis procedures for nonlinear filters in which the nonlinearities are constrained to finite order polynomials
- b. Application of polynomial estimators to covariance identification

a. Polynomial filters

A study was performed on the properties of optimal nonlinear filters which generate estimates in the form of finite order polynomials of the elements of the observation sequence. The study shows that practical polynomial filters can be generated which in some cases are preferable to some of the more popular filters such as the "Extended Kalman Filter." Using truncated power series expansions and polynomial estimation theory, a "High Order Extended Kalman Filter" was developed which can improve accuracy over the standard "Extended Kalman Filter." Documentation of some of these results appears in [18].

b. Covariance identification

A study was completed on the application of polynomial estimators for the plant and measurement noise covariance elements of a Kalman type of filter. A sequential algorithm was developed and studied on a digital computer and statistical methods were generated to verify the algorithm. The results are documented in [11].

2. Adaptive Filtering (Professor A. R. Stubberud)

Research in adaptive filtering has been conducted in two areas:

- a. Adaptation by configuration control
- b. Identification based on properties of the residual

a. Adaptation by configuration control

A study was performed in which the configuration of the system was controlled in such a way as to improve filter performance. The technique

was applied (via simulation) to a missile launcher system and a significant improvement in performance was obtained over the a priori system. This study was completed and the final documentaion of results is given in [24].

b. Identification based on properties of the residual

Studies were performed in which algorithms, based on the innovations properties, were developed for identifying the plant parameters and noise statistics of a linear, time-invariant discrete time system. One of these algorithms has a separation property which allows identification of the plant parameters independent of the noise statistics. Some of the results of these studies are documented in references [28, 29, 35, 36, 40].

3. Data Smoothing (Professor J. S. Meditch)

The area of data smoothing deals with the problem of extracting useful information, e.g., messages and system parameters, from noisy signals in such a way as to maximize the quality of the extracted information. Research in this area was carried out under the grant along the following five lines:

- a. Synthesis of suboptimal fixed-lag smoothers
- b. A detailed survey of data smoothing
- c. Stability of fixed-lag smoothers
- d. Computational requirements in sequential smoothing
- e. Nonlinear fixed-point smoothing

a. Synthesis

The mathematical synthesis of fixed-lag smoothers for continuous-time, stationary, random processes was developed by Wiener in the 1940's. However, practical synthesis utilizing lumped-parameter elements and networks is impossible since the smoother is infinite-dimensional. There is also a problem of internal stability. A useful approach to resolve these difficulties is that of approximate or suboptimal synthesis using

lumped-parameter elements. Two such synthesis procedures were developed and presented in [1] along with illustrative examples. The degree of suboptimality (in the sense of mean-square estimation error) can be made arbitrarily small by increasing the degree of the approximation, i.e., the number of elements. Both procedures yield design algorithms which are implementable on a digital computer. The second procedure, which is a generalization of the first, is quite flexible, but computationally more demanding. In particular, it specifies the synthesis problem as one of nonlinear programming.

b. Survey of data smoothing

This survey was undertaken to place in perspective the field of data smoothing relative to the broader area of estimation theory of which it is a part. The survey covers activity from the early work of Kepler and Gauss to that of the intensified research of numerous workers during the past ten to twelve years. Both theory and applications were examined, and directions for future research were indicated. A preliminary version of the survey was presented in [3]. The completed work which included over 115 references was published in Automatica [16].

c. Stability

An important fundamental question in connection with data smoothing algorithms is that of stability, particularly internal stability. Unless such algorithms are stable, their computational utility is, at best, extremely limited. A study of this question was reported in [9] for continuous-time, vector-valued, stationary, random processes for fixed-lag smoothing. A realization which is both bounded-input/bounded-output and internally stable was developed, and its use illustrated with an example.

d. Computational requirements

It is well known that while smoothing generally yields lower estimation

error variances than Kalman filtering, its storage requirements are more severe. To ascertain the extent of these requirements, a quantitative study of the issue was undertaken for all three forms of smoothing: fixed-interval, fixed-point, and fixed-lag. The results, which permit one to determine storage requirements exactly as a function of the dimension of the state vector and the length of the measurement data span are given in [12]. In addition, algorithmic procedures for minimizing storage requirements are included in the results.

e. Nonlinear fixed-point smoothing

Fixed-point smoothing has to do with estimating the state vector of a dynamic system at a single time point prior to that of the most recent measurement data. A representative problem here is that of determining the launch site coordinates of a missile from tracking data when the launch site is not visible to the tracker. A study of this class of problems for nonlinear dynamic systems, based on the marginal maximum likelihood estimation viewpoint, was presented in the doctoral dissertation of R. Eng (see Section V). A new, hybrid filtering-smoothing algorithm was derived and successfully applied to a problem of real-time aerial reconnaissance data processing for target location.

4. Applied Estimation Theory (Professor J. S. Meditch)

Two studies involving the estimation of respiratory system parameters from actual experimental data were conducted. The portion of the respiratory system involved was that relating tidal volume to alveolar CO_2 . The results are of interest in the study of pilot stress in flight testing.

The first study [4] included the development of an adaptive step-size, random-search, optimization program to solve the associated nonlinear, least-squares estimation problem. The second, [8], was a survey

of the field of frequency response methods in the analysis of respiratory system regulation processes. It included application of the above computer program to estimate system parameters for humans.

5. Observer Theory (Professor J. S. Meditch)

Research in observer theory has been along three distinct lines. In the first of these, basic observer theory has been extended to permit state reconstruction for dynamic linear systems with unknown and unmeasurable inputs [17, 22, 23]. Potential applications include control systems where it is neither possible to model nor to measure disturbances which act on the system, e.g., spurious and unexpected wind gust loading on an aircraft, radiation from thermonuclear explosions, or communication system jamming and interference.

The second line of pursuit in the study of observer theory has been that of initial condition estimation and interpolation for linear systems. The problem of initial condition estimation, which has applications in post-flight data analysis and trajectory reconstruction, has been thoroughly studied in [19, 20, 33]. Both deterministic and stochastic process models have been employed, and the performance characteristics of all known algorithms for initial condition estimation have been analyzed. In the latter instance, specific recommendations for applications are included. As a follow-on to this work, observer theory has been extended to permit interpolation of data in state and parameter estimation. Two new types of observers, termed initial- and lagging-state observers, have been developed, and necessary and sufficient conditions for their stability derived [30, 43]. The first of these new observers permits exact reconstruction of the initial state of a linear dynamic system. The second provides sequential state reconstruction where the estimate is permitted to lag the most recent measurement time by a fixed amount. Both observer types are useful for exact state reconstruction during the

transient period of an identity observer where the latter is not able to estimate the state accurately.

In the third line of investigation into observer theory, direct links have been established between observer theory, optimization theory, and estimation for bandlimited, but otherwise arbitrary, signal processes [42]. Still a further connection has been made with the theory of system inverses [41]. Applications indicated in [41, 42] include image enhancement, digital picture processing in the presence of severe noise, and feedback control in the presence of intense, arbitrary disturbances.

6. Data Compression and Random Sampling (Professor A. R. Stubberud)

One advantage of the Kalman Filter is that the covariance equation can be pre-calculated, thus an error analysis of the filter is available before the filter is used. In many discrete time estimation problems, the arrival time of the observed data is random and even though the Kalman Filter theory is applicable, the a priori error analysis can no longer be obtained. Research was performed on the generation of bounds on the ensemble average of the covariance matrix when the data arrival times are random where the average is taken over the ensemble of all arrival times. This again allows a priori error analysis to be obtained.

A problem closely related to that of random arrival times is that of using data compression prior to filtering. In this problem, the data arrives at known times but as it arrives, it is tested and only if it meets certain criteria is it processed by the Kalman Filter. Thus from the standpoint of the filter the arrival times are random and furthermore they are dependent on the random properties of the input

data. Research was conducted to develop bounds on the average over the ensemble of arrival times of the covariance equation. These bounds are a valuable design tool to determine the value of data compression techniques in reducing the amount of filter processing which is necessary. Results of this study are presented in [45].

III. CONTROL THEORY

Research in control theory has focused largely on the development of tools for the design of multivariable control systems for both deterministic and stochastic processes. The results fall logically into the four areas described below.

1. Computer-Aided Design (Professor J. S. Meditch)

Two algorithms were developed and implemented on the XDS Sigma 7 to effect the computer-aided design of control systems. The algorithms are termed Generalized Polynomial Programming and Adaptive Random Search. The former is a new result, the latter an extension of a known technique. Both have been used to solve control system design problems for multi-input/multi-output plants which are subject to random disturbances. The overall synthesis procedure permits the inclusion of indirect saturation constraints, measures of closed-loop sensitivity, and limits on transient response.

Example problems which have been solved include:

- a. Flight control system for a rigid body missile to minimize steady-state position error for a step input subject to a pole placement constraint in a region of the s-plane to guarantee that the damping ratio ζ and undamped natural frequency ω_n of the dominant mode satisfy certain inequality constraints. The latter then assures transient response quality.

- b. Missile roll attitude control to minimize mean-square attitude error in the presence of wind gust disturbances subject to a mean-square constraint on control surface (aileron) deflection.

The results of this research are detailed in the doctoral dissertation of C. O. Jelinek (see Section V). A summary of the work appears in [13].

2. Design Theory (Professor J. S. Meditch)

It is well-known that both classical and modern control system design is considerably more difficult for multi-input/multi-output systems than it is for the single-input/single-output case. For example, the gain matrix necessary to achieve a specified closed-loop pole placement for single-input systems via state variable feedback is unique whereas its counterpart in the multi-input case is not. To overcome difficulties such as this and greatly simplify the associated computational problems, a technique for reducing the multivariable design problem to a single-input/single-output problem was developed and presented in [26]. The resulting designs are particularly attractive for problems involving regulation such as digital autopilots.

3. Controls-Configured Systems (Professor J. S. Meditch)

A complete theory of minimum-variance controls-configured systems has been developed along with a highly efficient computational procedure. The basic control problem addressed is that of specifying the feedback gain matrix for minimum-variance state regulation in the presence of white noise disturbances on the plant. The plant contains adjustable parameters which are subject to inequality constraints and nonlinearly related to each other. The latter constraints and nonlinear dependence are included in the problem formulation. Additional inequality constraints on the gain matrix elements are also present to prevent

excessively large gains in the closed-loop system. The problem was reformulated as one of nonlinear programming, and necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of a solution were derived. A computer program, built around the Generalized Reduced Gradient (GRG) algorithm of Abadie and Carpentier, was developed to implement the theoretical results. It has been applied to a lateral autopilot problem in which the plant (aircraft) has been partially reconfigured in specifying the controller. The results indicate a 20% improvement in disturbance rejection over previous designs. It has also been applied to a helicopter hover problem with the result of a 35% reduction in mean-square hover position error in the presence of random wind gusts relative to a "conventional" quadratic linear regulator design under the same conditions. The results of this study were presented in [37].

4. Multivariable Servomechanisms (Professor J. S. Meditch)

A theory of system type for describing the tracking properties of linear multivariable servomechanisms has been developed [38, 44]. New characterizations of system type have been formulated and two systematic methods for determining system type derived. Both methods are algorithmic and easier to apply than the techniques given in earlier studies. The first applies to the case where the open-loop system is described by its transfer function matrix, the second where its time domain state-space representation is given. New results have also been obtained for characterizing and identifying system type for certain composite systems from a knowledge of the individual subsystem types.

Methods for specifying pre- and post-compensation to achieve a desired system type in linear multivariable servomechanisms have also been developed [39]. Sufficient conditions have been derived for both forms of compensation when the compensator is restricted to a diagonal input-output representation, and a method for realizing reduced-order

pre-compensators has been presented for the case where the restriction is removed.

Certain of the above results have been applied to a previously proposed type r multivariable servomechanism structure to obtain a new configuration [34]. The latter possesses design freedom not present in the first configuration; this permits optimization of certain transient response properties of the closed-loop system without affecting previously specified system type and closed-loop pole location. An example has been given which demonstrates over a 35% improvement in integral-square tracking error relative to that for the original configuration.

The above work constitutes a complete and self-contained theory for the design of feedback control systems for multi-input/multi-output processes where one of the design goals is to achieve certain input-output tracking properties. The study involves the extension of the widely known and commonly used notion of system type from classical (single-input/single-output) control theory to multivariable systems as a convenient means for specifying control system tracking characteristics.

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